

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 19-20, 2012**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

23D. Approval to remove State Board Policy 5800 – Parent Awards  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

DESCRIPTOR TERM: <b>Parent Awards</b>	CODE: <b>5800</b>
ADOPTION DATE: <b>October 16, 1992</b>	REVISION:

**-STATE BOARD POLICY**

The process for implementing the Parent of the Year recognition program is outlined in the attached documents.

**PARENT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM**  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
P. O. BOX 771 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205  
(601)359-3519

MEMO TO: Superintendents

FROM: Public Relations Director

RE: Parent of the Year Program

The State Board of Education, mandated by Senate Bill 3120, has established an awards program to reward parents for becoming involved in school improvement efforts. A process which will designate a Parent of the Year in each school district in the state and the designation of one Parent of the Year statewide has been established. Please use this application form to nominate an outstanding parent who has made a significant impact on the school improvement efforts in your school district.

A selection committee composed of PTA representatives, Parents for Public Schools representatives, teachers, administrators and parents will evaluate the applications and make the final selection.

It is imperative that parents be involved in our districts' goals for education reform. Let them know how much we appreciate their efforts by nominating a Parent of the Year in your school district.

If you have questions or concerns, please call my office at (601) 359-3519.

**PARENT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

RETURN TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent of the Year Program  
\_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations  
\_\_\_\_\_ State Department of Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ P. O. Box 771  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jackson, MS 39205

(Please type)

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital status \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names, ages, occupations (if students, list name of school and grade level)

If married, spouse's name and occupation

Superintendent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's School Improvement Efforts**

Describe the **school improvement efforts of the Parent of the Year nominee** in his/her school district. Include awards and other special recognitions received. Describe involvement in service-oriented activities, such as volunteer work, etc. **Be specific** describing projects. **(Maximum length: two double spaced pages)**

**Letters of Support** (limit of **three** letters) Please attach to application. Include three letters of support from

among the following: superintendent, principal, colleague, PTA president, or civic leader.

Please note:

- Please submit original and four copies.
- Please provide all information requested in the application form. Do not change or add to the application in any way.
- Limit your answers to the number of pages requested. In order to provide all applicants with an equal opportunity, **only the number of pages requested will be accepted.** Any additional pages and/or materials can not be presented to the Selection Committee.
- Each application must include **one photograph.** It is not necessary, however, to submit five original pictures. Simply attach one picture to the original application and photocopy the other four. However, if selected Parent of the Year, additional pictures may be requested for publicity purposes.
- The application package must be submitted by the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_.